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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
James S. Nowick, et al.)
Application No.: 10/069,683)
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: Compositions of Matter and)
Methods Useable to Mimic Tripeptide)
Beta Strands, to Block Beta-sheet)
Dimerization of Protein, to Block)
Protein-Protein Beta-sheet Interactions)
and/or to Interact with Proteins by Beta-)
sheet Interaction)

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: David Lukton

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

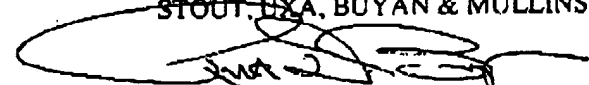
In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, applicant elects to prosecute Group 1 (Claims 1, 10 and 11, without traverse). Applicant provisionally elects the species of compounds comprising *L*-PrCO-Phe-Hao-Val-NHBu to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is ultimately deemed allowable. Claim 1 is currently generic.

A three (3) month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct all fees due in connection with this filing from Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

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Respectfully submitted,

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